

In addition, applicants have amended the independent claims related to increasing hair growth (claims 2, 29, and 38) to exclude using flavone or flavone derivatives. These amendments are being made to deal with the disclosure in WO 96/10387, the abstract of which the Examiner brought to the undersigned attorney's attention. A copy of WO 96/10387 in its entirety is enclosed, along with an Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 listing the reference. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference in its entirety.

Claims 2, 29, and 38 are written in a "hole in the claim" format accepted by the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, in *In re Johnson*, 558 F.2d 1008, 1017-19 (1977).

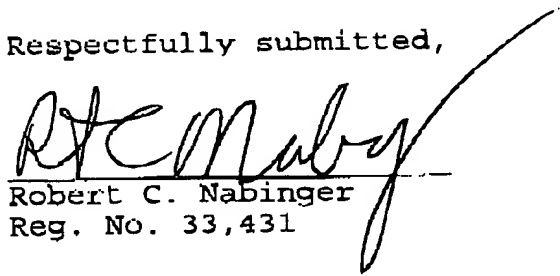
Appropriate amendments have also been made to some of the dependent claims.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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